

### Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the specification as follows.

Page 5 delete the first full paragraph and substitute therefore the following:

As shown in the drawings, the pipe coupling according to the present invention includes: a connector body 20 having pipe locking ~~jaws~~ end 22 formed on the inside thereof and having the same diameter as the inner diameter of a pipe 10 inserted into the pipe coupling, and a taper part 24 formed at a side of the pipe locking ~~jaws~~ end 22 for gradually reducing the inside space toward a free end of the pipe coupling, the taper part 24 being opened at a portion of the outer circumference in which a snap ring insertion hole 26 is formed; a packing member 30 inserted and mounted at the lower end of the ~~taper part 24~~ connector body 20 adjacent the locking end 22; a jaw coupling 40 inserted and mounted into the taper part 24, and having a number of coupling holes 44 for coupling fixing jaws 42 in the circumferential direction and a seating hole 46 formed in the upper portion thereof; a snap ring 50 located in the seating hole 46 of the jaw coupling 40, the outer circumference of the snap ring 50 being compressed and inserted into the snap ring insertion hole 26, both ends 51 and 51' being bended in a separated condition from each other and exposed to the outside through the outer circumference of the opened taper part 24; and an elastic member 60 interposed between the packing member 30 and the jaw coupling 40.

Page 6 delete the first paragraph and substitute therefore the following:

The pipe locking ~~jaws~~ end 22 are to restrict the depth of the pipe 10 to be inserted, and the snap ring insertion hole 24 has a depth as deep as a portion of the outer circumference of the snap ring 50 can be inserted thereinto.

**Page 8 delete the first full paragraph and the second paragraph and substitute therefore the following:**

At this time, the fixing jaws 42 are moved to the inside inclined surface of the taper part 24 by the insertion of the pipe 10, and spread to the outside as much as the expanded diameter of the taper part 24, so that a mutual interference between the outer circumference of the pipe 10 and the inner surface of the fixing jaws 42 is removed, and thereby, the pipe 10 can be easily inserted into the pipe coupling till the pipe 10 touches the pipe locking ~~jaws~~ end 22.

At the same time with completion of the insertion of the pipe 10, the separated fixing jaws 42 compress the surface of the pipe 10 in all directions while the jaw coupling 40 is pushed in the opposite direction to the pipe locking ~~jaws~~ end 22 by the elastic force of the elastic member 60, so that the pipe 10 is connected and fixed to the pipe coupling.